

California

Study Guide for California Native Americans

4th Grade

If you study and learn the following information, you will be prepared to do well on the chapter test this week. All the questions will come from the Background Sheets in the Student Guide.

Section One

This will be a multiple-choice section. It covers “a little bit of this and a little bit of that” so it’s a bit hard to study for it. But, as a hint, don’t forget: details about hunting and fishing tools, money, trade gatherings, celebrations, baskets, and foods eaten.

Section Two

This is a true and false section. Don’t forget that for “true & false” if there is one false part, the whole thing is considered false. (For example: *The California Native Americans made plank houses, tule houses, and teepees.* This is false because even though they DID make plank houses and tule houses, they did not make teepees.) Some of the topics covered will be: types of baskets, trading trails, ways to buy goods, acorns and how to prepare them, preparing for the hunt, what you could own.

Section Three

Time to “fill in the blank.” You will be provided with words in a box to use to fill in the blanks in sentences. The words are mostly names of raw materials/resources the Native Americans used to make the tools and things they needed to survive. (i.e. obsidian, tule....)

Section Four

It’s time to play the matching game! You will be given a list of raw materials and resources used by the California Native Americans. Next to each one you will be asked to write what they used the resource for. You will have 4 choices: HUNTING, FISHING, BUILDING, COOKING. (Example: If “obsidian” is listed, choose HUNTING because it was used to make arrowheads.)

Section Five

This is “The Big Essay” question section. You will be asked to write a **detailed** answer to some essay questions. Don’t be surprised if you are asked to include 2 or 3 examples of something or to provide details. Some things to focus on:

- The main two types of baskets and the many ways they were used.
- The types of houses they built and the advantages of each type.
- How acorns were prepared for eating.
- Why the Acorn Harvest Festival was so important and how they celebrated.
- How the men prepared for the hunt and how they hunted for deer.
- The importance of trading and the two main ways of trading.